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Grade: 3      Reading

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Theme Three   Selection: 2

"The Mysterious Giant of Barletta"

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following happens right before the Giant of Barletta steps off of the pedestal?

- a) The birds bothered him so badly he had to move.
- b) Zia Concetta spoke to the Giant to save the town from the army.
- c) The children asked the Giant of Barletta to play with them.
- d) The army came and took over the town of Barletta.

2. What happened right after Zia Concetta and the Giant made their plan to defeat the army?

- a) They sat down and ate a huge meal together.
- b) The people of Barletta asked question after question.
- c) The towns people hid under their beds.
- d) Zia Concetta called the people of Barletta to bring her the biggest onion they could find.

3. Why does the Mysterious Giant step down from his pedestal when Zia Goncetta asks him to?

- a) The Giant is tired of hearing the towns people complain about the approaching army.
- b) Zia Concetta has done a lot for the Giant and he wants to help her.
- c) He loves Zia Concetta and the people of Barletta enough to be willing to help.
- d) The Giant wants to hide like the rest of the towns people of Barletta.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"They call me names, like minuscolo and debole - 'tiny' and 'weakling.'"

Which words means the opposite of weakling.

- a) strong
- b) lazy
- c) smart
- d) eager

5. How would you describe the Mysterious Giant's personality?

- a) scared, shy, and unhappy
- b) peace-loving, loyal, helpful and brave
- c) hateful, unhappy, and helpless
- d) unsure, scared, and energetic

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) fiction

7. Which is the antonym for the word giant?

- a) tiny
- b) large
- c) huge
- d) middle

8. Why does the Giant place the onion to his eyes?

- a) He has something in his eye he wants to get out.
- b) He loves to eat the onion.
- c) He wants the army to think he is sad.
- d) He wanted to see how many layers the onion had.

9. Which event happened last in the story?

- a) The army stayed and helped the giant.
- b) The army ran straight for town.
- c) The army ran in the opposite direction.
- d) The army went to Zia Concetta to talk.

## Open-ended Response

Think about the character Zia Concetta in the selection, "The Mysterious Giant of Barletta". Are you like Zia Concetta? Write a paragraph to explain your answer. Use at least two examples from the selection to support your answer.

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**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Sequence	R3.B.1.1
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6	d	Genre	R3.A.1.6
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8	c	Inference	R3.A.1.3.1
9	c	Sequence	R3.B.1.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 Points**

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Zia Concetta and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the response.

**2 Points**

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Zia Concetta and uses 1 example from the selection.

**1 Point**

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Zia Concetta without using examples from the selection.

**0 Points**

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete